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Listed below are the title, description, and link for each page of *Guidance News That You Can Use.* Simply click on the title in blue or enter the link into your search box to learn about the guidance related resources available for students, parents, and guardians.

Also included in the description are the Tag words. So if you forget the title of the page but can remember the tag word(s), you will just need to enter it into the Search Box.

If you have any questions along the way, please contact Karla Jones, School Counselor and Wikimaster at 215-945-4940 or [kjones1@btsd.us](mailto:kjones1@btsd.us).

1. [***Home***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/home) ***–*** *Guidance News That You Can Use* is a website that is used to communicate to students, parents, and guardians the services of Armstrong’s Guidance Department. Equally important is that is also serves as a learning platform for guidance lesson plans that enable the counselor to upload lesson plan documents where students and their families can return to when desired. There is also a search box within the wiki that enable users to locate desired topics.

**Link:** [*https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/home*](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/home)

2. [***ABC’s of a Successful Student***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/ABC%E2%80%99s+of+a+Successful+Student) ***–* By using Antecedents disguised as expressions and then connecting then with examples of successful student behaviors and their respective consequences, students are able to identify which behaviors would lead them to their desired outcomes. Students can then put their new knowledge into action by creating their own Antecedent, Behavior, and Consequence and sharing them with the class.**

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/ABC%E2%80%99s+of+a+Successful+Student>

***Tag Word(s)*: ABC, Antecedent, Behavior, Consequences.**

3. [***Academic Warning Quarterly Letters***](file:///C:\Users\Karla\Documents\.%20%20https:\guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com\Academic+Quarterly+Warning+Letters) ***–*** Following the review of the *D F Report* from the first, second, and third marking periods, letters are generated to communicate to parents and guardians a review of their students’ grades for that particular term or terms. Also included is a summary of the District Failure Policy along with other timely information. For example, in the third marking period letter the *Minimum Grade Needed for 4th Term to Pass Class for School Year* is also provided.

Please note that students earning one or more D in an academic subject for the current marking period will receive their letter in school to bring home. Any students earning one or more F for the current marking period will meet with me to review their grades in detail and discuss strategies to improve their performance for the remainder of the school year. This letter will be sent home via U.S. Mail. When the fourth marking period **progress grades** are released, only students who are at risk for failing two or more academic subjects for the year and potentially needing to attend summer school or be retained will have a counselor conference and letter sent home via U.S. Mail. This letter requires parent/guardian signature and needs to be returned to Miss Jones, School Counselor the next school day. The academic subjects include: English, Math, Reading, Science, and Social Studies.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Academic+Quarterly+Warning+Letters>

***Tag Word(s)*:**  Academic, Warning, Quarterly, Letters.

4.[***Accreditation of Certification, College, and University Programs***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Accreditation+of+Certification%2C+College%2C+and+University+Programs) ***–*** As you begin preparing for your next step after high school, you may want to consider enrolling in a certification, college, or university program. Three of the first questions you should ask include:

1. *Is the institution in which I am applying accredited?*

*2. What is the quality of the program I am considering?*

*3. What is the accreditation status of the program in which I am applying*?

The Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA) <http://www.aspa-usa.org/> provides students and their families with resources to help them understand the benefits of an institution and program being accredited. Equally important it provides a listing of sixty member agencies <http://www.aspa-usa.org/members-list> with contact information. To learn more about this topic, please review their video *Specialized & Professional Accreditation: What Should I Know? b*y clicking on this link [*http://www.aspa-usa.org/*](http://www.aspa-usa.org/)

**Link:** [*https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Accreditation+of+Certification%2C+College%2C+and+University+Programs*](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Accreditation+of+Certification%2C+College%2C+and+University+Programs)

***Tag Word(s)*:** Accreditation, Certification, College, University, Programs.

5. [***Athletic Eligibility Requirements***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Athletic+Eligibility+Requirements) ***–*** Specific criteria of academic performance are listed to maintain eligibility to practice and participate on BTSD’s sport teams.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Athletic+Eligibility+Requirements>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Athletic, Eligibility, Requirements

6. [***Bucks County Free Library – Levittown Branch Resources***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Bucks+County+Free+Library+-+Levittown+Branch+Resources) ***–*** As a contributing member to *Guidance News That You Can Use*, the Bucks County Free Library maintains their own page providing library resources and volunteer opportunities for students.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Bucks+County+Free+Library+-+Levittown+Branch+Resources>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Bucks, County, Library, Volunteer.

7. [***College and Career Day 2014***](http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/College+and+Career+Day+2014)  ***–*** Admissions representatives from Arcadia University, Bucks County Community, and LaSalle University provided an overview of the admissions process while representatives from PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) <http://www.pheaa.org/>) provided an online lesson enabling students to explore different careers and required training or education.

All of the parent correspondence, documents, worksheets, brochures, and Arcadia’s Power Point presentation are available for continuous viewing.

**Link:** <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/College+and+Career+Day+2014>

***Tag Word(s)*:** College, Career, Day, Arcadia, Bucks, County, Community, LaSalle.

8. [***The College and Career Readiness and Success Organizer***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/The+College+and+Career+Readiness+and+Success+Organizer) ***–*** Is a graphic that displays a consolidated and overview of the many elements that impact a learner’s ability to succeed in college and careers at both the institutional and individual levels.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/The+College+and+Career+Readiness+and+Success+Organizer>

***Tag Word(s)*:** College, Career, Readiness, Success, Organizer

9. [***Contact Information***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Contact+Information) ***–*** Provides students, parents, and guardians with the telephone and fax numbers for Armstrong’s Guidance Department.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Contact+Information>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Contact, Information

10. [***District Grading Policy – Summary***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/District+Grading+Policy+-+Summary) ***–*** Provides users with the four different ways students will fail a class for the year, be required to attend summer school, or be retained.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/District+Grading+Policy+-+Summary>

***Tag Word(s)*:** District, Grading, Policy, Summary

11. [***District Grading Policy with G.P.A. Calculations and Student Worksheet***](http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/District+Grading+Policy+with+G.P.A.+Calculations+and+Student+Worksheet) ***–*** Provides users with the four different ways students will fail a class for the year, be required to attend summer school, or be retained. This page also includes a worksheet for students and their families to use independently.

**Link:** <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/District+Grading+Policy+with+G.P.A.+Calculations+and+Student+Worksheet>

***Tag Word(s****)*: District, Grading, Policy, GPA, Calculations, Student, Worksheet.

12. [***8th into 9th Course Selection Presentation 2014 - 2015***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/8th+into+9th+Course+Selection+Presentation+2014+-+2015) ***–*** Provided course selection presentation for eighth grade students in preparation for attending Harry S Truman High School. The link listed below includes all of the documents (district, agency, and departmental documents) from the presentation including correspondence to parents and guardians with instructions for completion of scheduling process.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/8th+into+9th+Course+Selection+Presentation+2014+-+2015>

***Tag Word(s****)***:** 2014, 2015, Course, Selection, Process.

13. [***8th into 9th Elective Course Selection***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/8th+into+9th+Elective+Course+Selection+-+Under+Construction) ***- Under Construction*** –The resources on this webpage will provide the same function as the [***8th into 9th Course Selection Presentation 2014 - 2015***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/8th+into+9th+Course+Selection+Presentation+2014+-+2015)and will be transferred to BTSD Virtual Academy Learning Platform when available.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/8th+into+9th+Elective+Course+Selection+-+Under+Construction>

***Tag Word(s)*:** 8th, 9th, Course, Selection, Presentation, 2014, 2015.

14. [***Fall Lesson Plan – Eighth Grade***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Fall+Lesson+Plan+-+Eighth+Grade)– Provides Agenda, [District Grading Policy with G.P.A. Calculations](http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/District+Grading+Policy+with+G.P.A.+Calculations+and+Student+Worksheet), [Mandated Reporting](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Mandated+Reporting) explanation, and parent and guardian letter providing referral to *Guidance News That You Can Use webpage*, important instructions and dates relating to the application process for the Bucks County Technical High School, and steps to access *iCampus*.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Fall+Lesson+Plan+-+Eighth+Grade>

***Tag Word(s)***: Fall, Lesson, Plan, Eighth, Grade.

15. [***Guidance Counselor Availability***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Guidance+Counselor+Availability) ***–*** Provides users with an overview of how to make an appointment with their school counselor.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Guidance+Counselor+Availability>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Guidance, Counselor, Availability, Appointment.

16. [***Guidance Department Services***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Guidance+Department+Services) ***–*** Provides users with an overview of the services of

the Armstrong Guidance Department.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Guidance+Department+Services>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Guidance, Department, Services.

17. [***Homework Tracker***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/+Homework+Tracker) ***–* The purpose of the Homework Tracker is to provide our students,**

**parents, and guardians, with a quick and easy way to confirm their students’ nightly homework for any given week; all in one location.**

**The *Homework Tracker* also contains written instructions for parents and guardians along with helpful hints to maximize the benefits of the HT. It also provides links to Armstrong’s Staff Email Directory, Armstrong’s Webpage, BTSD’s webpage, and *iCampus*.**

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/+Homework+Tracker>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Homework, Tracker, Student.

18. [***Infinite Campus/Parent Portal Instructions- First Time Only***](http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Infinite+Campus+Parent+Portal+Login+Instructions+-+First+Time+Only.) ***–*** Step by step instructions (written and illustrations) show how to logon onto *iCampus*.

**Link:** <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Infinite+Campus+Parent+Portal+Login+Instructions+-+First+Time+Only>.

***Tag Word(s)*:** *Infinite Campus*, *iCampus*, Parent, Portal.

## 19. [*Mandated Reporting*](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Mandated+Reporting) *–* Every administrator, teacher, paraprofessional, and counselor is required by law to report any suspected or known abuse to authorities. This page list the criteria in which we must respond.

<https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Mandated+Reporting>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Mandated, Reporting.

20. [**National Bully Prevention Month – NOVA’s Classroom Presentations – October 2013**](http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/National+Bully+Prevention+Month+-+NOVA%27s+Classroom+Presentations+to+All+Students+-+October+2013)

In conjunction with [Operation Safe Surf and Bullying Prevention Programs – October 23, 2013](http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Operation+Safe+Surf+and+Bullying+Prevention+Programs+-+October+23%2C+2013) classroom lessons were presented to our seventh and eighth grade students to assist them in defining, identifying, and responding to a bullying situation. This presentation was provided by the Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA). <http://www.novabucks.org/>.

**Link:** <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/National+Bully+Prevention+Month+-+NOVA%27s+Classroom+Presentations+-+October+2013>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Bully, National, Prevention, Bullying.

21. [***Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA)***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Network+of+Victim+Assistance+%28NOVA%29) ***–*** As a contributing member to *Guidance News That You Can Use*, NOVA maintains their own page providing available services and resources.

**Links:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Network+of+Victim+Assistance+%28NOVA%29>

***Tag Word(s)*:**  Network, Victim, Assistance, NOVA

22. [***Online Predators and Bullying Prevention Presentation – October 22, 2014***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Online+Predators+and+Bullying+Prevention+Presentation+-+October+22%2C+2014) ***–*** Bristol Township School District is pleased to partner with Representative Tina Davis, Office of the Attorney General Kathleen Kane, and Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) in presenting ***Online Predators and Bullying Prevention.*** This presentation will detail for our parents, guardians and community members the importance of monitoring their children’s computer usage and understanding what bullying is and how to respond should it occur. Additional resources and free refreshments will be provided.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Online+Predators+and+Bullying+Prevention+Presentation+-+October+22%2C+2014>.

***Tag Word(s)*:** Online, Predators, Bullying, Prevention, October, 22.

23. [***Open House Letter – Eighth Grade***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Open+House+Letter+-+Eighth+Grade) ***–*** September 2014Open House letter provides an overview of the guidance services, links to *Guidance News That You Can Use* and *iCampus* to name just a few.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Open+House+Letter+-+Eighth+Grade>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Open, House, Letter, Eighth, Jones.

24 [***Open House Letter – Seventh Grade***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Open+House+Letter+-+Seventh+Grade) ***–*** September 2014Open House letter provides an overview of the ices, links to *Guidance News That You Can Use* and *iCampus* to name just a few.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Open+House+Letter+-+Seventh+Grade>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Open, House, Letter, Seventh, Brescia-Pitts.

25. [***Operation Safe Surf and Bullying Prevention Programs – October 23, 2013***](http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Operation+Safe+Surf+and+Bullying+Prevention+Programs+-+October+23%2C+2013) ***–*** Like you, we share your concerns for the many challenges your children encounter in school and in their communities. In recent media reports, two issues have been featured more frequently; bullying and cyber safety. To assist you in learning more about these two connected topics, the [Bristol Township School District](http://www.btsd.us/), [Office of State Representative Tina Davis,](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/member_information/house_bio.cfm?id=1204,) and [NOVA (Network of Victim Assistance)](http://www.novabucks.org) have partnered together to present a special evening for you.

**Link:** <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Operation+Safe+Surf+and+Bullying+Prevention+Programs+-+October+23%2C+2013>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Bullying, Operation, Parents, Safe, Surf.

# 26. [*Straight Talk for Parents - October 16, 2013*](http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Straight+Talk+for+Parents+-+October+16%2C+2013) *– A program designed to educate parents about emerging teen drug tends; signs and symptoms of teen drug use; and assists parents in the development of communication skills to speak and listen to their children about substance abuse.* Thisprogram is presented by Drug Free Pennsylvania, Inc. <http://drugfreepa.org>.

**Link:** <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Straight+Talk+for+Parents+-+October+16%2C+2013>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Parent, Straight, Talk.

27. [***The Peace Center***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/The+Peace+Center) ***–*** As a contributing member to *Guidance News That You Can Use*, The Peace Center maintains their own page providing available services and resources.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/The+Peace+Center>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Peace, Center, Bully, Support, Center.

28. [***Truancy Policy***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/BTSD%27s+Truancy+Policy+No.) ***–*** Students who attend school on a regular basis typically perform better in school and provide themselves with better opportunities for their future. Please read The More You LEARN the More You EARN which can be found via a link on the Truman Policy page.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/BTSD%27s+Truancy+Policy+No>.

***Tag Word(s****)*: Truancy.

# 29. [*Truman's Debate Team –* Please review the attached two documents to learn more about our team.](http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Truman%27s+Debate+Team)

# Link: <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Truman%27s+Debate+Team>

***Tag Word(s)*:** Truman, Debate.

30. [***Working Papers***](https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Working+Papers) ***–*** Students interested in applying for working papers must first have a job offer and then they are eligible to apply for Working Papers. Please contact Mrs. Carol Priest at Harry S Truman High School. Her telephone number is 215 – 547 – 3000.

**Link:** <https://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/Working+Papers>

***Tag Word(s****)***:** Working, Papers.

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